

ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

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TREATY

The President of the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, being desirous to strengthen the bonds of amity that bind them together and also to advance the cause of general peace, have resolved to enter into a treaty for that purpose, and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State; and

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, Chevalier W. L. F. C. van Rappard, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands to the United States;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in proper form, having agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree that all disputes between them, of every nature whatsoever, to the settlement of which previous arbitration treaties or agreements do not apply in their terms or are not applied in fact, shall, when diplomatic methods of adjustment have failed, be referred for

¹ TS 760-A, *post*, p. 93.

investigation and report to a permanent International Commission, to be constituted in the manner prescribed in the next succeeding article; and they agree not to declare war or begin hostilities during such investigation and before the report is submitted.

ARTICLE II

The International Commission shall be composed of five members, to be appointed as follows: One member shall be chosen from each country, by the Government thereof; one member shall be chosen by each Government from some third country; the fifth member shall be chosen by common agreement between the two Governments, it being understood that he shall not be a citizen of either country. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the two Governments in equal proportion.

The International Commission shall be appointed within six months after the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty; and vacancies shall be filled according to the manner of the original appointment.²

ARTICLE III

In case the High Contracting Parties shall have failed to adjust a dispute by diplomatic methods, they shall at once refer it to the International Commission for investigation and report. The International Commission may, however, spontaneously offer its services to that effect, and in such case it shall notify both Governments and request their cooperation in the investigation.

The High Contracting Parties agree to furnish the Permanent International Commission with all the means and facilities required for its investigation and report.

The report of the International Commission shall be completed within one year after the date on which it shall declare its investigation to have begun, unless the High Contracting Parties shall limit or extend the time by mutual agreement. The report shall be prepared in triplicate; one copy shall be presented to each Government, and the third retained by the Commission for its files.

The High Contracting Parties reserve the right to act independently on the subject matter of the dispute after the report of the Commission shall have been submitted.

ARTICLE IV

The present treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands; and the ratifications shall be exchanged as soon as possible. It shall take effect immediately after the ex-

² For an agreement of Sept. 8, 1928, extending time for appointment of Commission, see TS 760-A, *post*, p. 93.

change of ratifications, and shall continue in force for a period of five years; and it shall thereafter remain in force until twelve months after one of the High Contracting Parties have given notice to the other of an intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty and have affixed thereunto their seals.

Done in Washington on the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirteen.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN [SEAL]

W. L. F. C. v RAPPARD [SEAL]

DECLARATION

The Government of the United States and the Government of the Netherlands, desiring to remove any doubt or uncertainty that may exist or that may hereafter arise as to the interpretation to be placed on Article I of the Treaty signed between the two Governments on December 18, 1913, with respect to disputes that may exist between them at the time of the taking effect of the said treaty, have authorized the undersigned to declare that the said Article I is meant and intended to apply, subject to the terms of that Article, to all disputes between the two Governments existing at the time of the taking effect of the Treaty as well as to those arising thereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have hereto signed their names and have affixed their respective seals at the City of Washington, this thirteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

FRANK B. KELLOGG [SEAL]

J. H. VAN ROIJEN [SEAL]